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Classified By: PolMinCouns Scott Bellard, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d0

¶1. (C) Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Director General for the Middle East and Maghreb Kerry Buck on December 23 reiterated to PolMinCouns Canada's strong support for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. She confirmed that Canada had already made a contribution in FY07-08 of \$1 million, and said that Canada plans in FY 2009 to contribute between \$3 and \$4 million (which, she assumes, will be dedicated to year one funding). She noted that multi-year aid commitments were unusual but not impossible in the Canadian system, and pledged to push for further clarification within the inter-agency process about year two and three pledges/contributions to the STL.

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